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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Paul E. Massod  
Serial No. : 09/334,574  
Filed : June 21, 1999  
Title : VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR DRY CLEANERS AND THE LIKE

Art Unit : 2876  
Examiner : Diane Lee

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed July 17, 2002 please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1, 13, 24, 25 and 26 as follows:

-- 1. (Four times Amended) A method of inventory management comprises:

verifying that articles belong to a physically grouped order with the articles having been physically grouped by a manual or automated grouping process into the physically grouped order, said verifying further comprising:

scanning unique identifier codes on tags, each tag uniquely associated with one article in the physically grouped order to determine that the article properly belongs in the physically grouped order; and

positively indicating to an operator if the scanned unique sequential code does not correspond to an item that properly belongs in the physically grouped order. --

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